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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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Dane K. Fisher *et al.*

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Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted dated July 19, 2000, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - mailed on September 11, 2000;
2. Original Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by inventor Dane K. Fisher (3 pages);
3. Original Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by inventor Raghunath V. Lalgudi (3 pages);
4. Certificate of Mailing for Declaration and Power of Attorney (executed by Dane K. Fisher);
5. Certificate of Mailing for Declaration and Power of Attorney (executed by Raghunath V. Lalgudi);
6. Certificate of Mailing for copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; and
7. a return-receipt prepaid postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached prepaid postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents and be returned to us as soon as possible.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-4125 in the amount of \$130.00 covering \$130.00 Surcharge for late filing of Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16).

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 13-4125. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-4125. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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